



Program Manager Assembled
Chemical Weapons Alternatives

Biography: Michael A. Parker

A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

ACWA Program Manager Chemical Materials Agency Director

Throughout his career, Michael A. Parker has committed himself to our nation's domestic and worldwide efforts to dispose of chemical weapons. He continues this commitment today by serving as the Program Manager for Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, known as PM ACWA, and the Director of the Army's Chemical Materials Agency.

As the program manager, Mr. Parker is charged with demonstrating and implementing alternative technologies for chemical weapons stockpile destruction, reporting to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. He has served in this capacity since his appointment in December 1996. Additionally, in February 2003, Mr. Parker took on responsibilities as Director of the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency. This agency was formed to improve operational effectiveness within the chemical weapons storage, disposal and emergency preparedness missions by merging organizations and elements with similar, complementary functions under one director.

Mr. Parker has been recognized for demonstrating unparalleled leadership in restructuring America's overall chemical and biological defense program. He was instrumental in the formation of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command where he served as Deputy to the Commander. In this role he assisted in the command's missions to develop, acquire and sustain soldier support and nuclear, biological and chemical defense technology systems and services, as well as ensure worldwide commitment to chemical weapons demilitarization and compliance with the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention. In addition, he led a panel of senior leaders dedicated to standardizing chemical and biological defense equipment across the Department of Defense and within NATO. This initiative led to the development of new Joint Service procedures



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for horizontal integration and coordination of program decisions, and to addressing Congress with a single, proactive voice.

Mr. Parker previously served as the Technical Director of the U.S. Army Chemical Research, Development and Engineering Center, now known as the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. He also served as Acting Project Manager for Binary Munitions and Chemical Munitions and as Science Advisor to the Commanding General, U.S. Army Japan.

The President of the United States recognized Mr. Parker for his exceptional long-term accomplishments by awarding him the Distinguished Presidential Rank Award. Mr. Parker was also awarded the Army's highest civilian honorary award, the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service. His other awards and decorations include the Army Research and Development Achievement Award, the Army Commander's Medal, and the Army Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Parker holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy. He also attended the School of Engineering at the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University.

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